

CLAIMS

I claim:

- 1        1. A quick latch system for use with a motor vehicle having  
2 side panels with post holes, said quick latch system comprising:  
3              a toolbox having a base with a hole;  
4              a shaft having an attaching end and an inserting end for  
5 passing through and rotating within the hole in said toolbox;  
6              a clamp arm having a clamping end and ~~an~~ <sup>a clamping</sup> arm extending from  
7 said clamping end, said clamping end being pivotally attached to  
8 said shaft, and said <sup>clamping</sup> arm adapted for rotating said shaft within the  
9 hole in said toolbox and for pivoting said clamp arm from a  
10 vertical position to a horizontal position; and  
11              a fastener adapted to attach to the inserting end of said  
12 shaft.  
  
1        2. The quick latch system set forth in claim 1 wherein the  
2 clamping end of said clamp arm comprises a first fork and a second  
3 fork, said first fork having a first hole and said second fork  
4 having a second hole, said first hole and said second hole being in  
5 registry and approximating each other in diameter.

1       3. The quick latch system set forth in claim 2 wherein the  
2 shaft is an eyebolt having an eye with an eye hole approximating  
3 the diameter of said first hole and said second hole in the  
4 clamping end of said clamp arm, said eye fitting between said first  
5 fork and said second fork so that said eye hole is aligned with  
6 said first hole and said second hole.

1       4. The quick latch system set forth in claim 3 further  
2 comprising a dowel inserted through the holes in the forks of said  
3 clamp arm and through the eye hole in the eye of said shaft,  
4 whereby said clamp arm and said eyebolt are pivotally attached to  
5 each other.

1       5. The quick latch system set forth in claim 1 wherein the  
2 clamping end of said clamp arm has a contoured cam surface.

1       6. The quick latch system set forth in claim 1 wherein the  
2 inserting end of said shaft has threads.

1       7. The quick latch system set forth in claim 6 wherein said  
2 fastener is a nut.

1       8. The quick latch system set forth in claim 7 wherein said  
2 nut has a rhombic shape.

1       <sup>c. 8</sup>  
2       <sup>8.</sup> The quick latch system set forth in claim 1 further  
3       comprising a layer of ~~rubber or other~~ cushioning secured to the  
4       outside of the base of the toolbox, said layer having a hole  
5       aligned with the hole in the toolbox for passing said shaft  
      therethrough  
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